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Thank you for your letters of 23rd and 24th October which I have received on my return from Cyprus. I had a most useful and enjoyable visit there and everything possible was done for me by your people. I look forward to talking to you about it when we meet.

I have noted your arrangements for preliminary talks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and for the more formal meetings on the Thursday and Friday, and this suits me very well. I am not absolutely sure which day I arrive, but I will be in Washington at any rate by Sunday, November 30th. Would you very kindly book me some accommodation for a week. I hope this will not give you too much trouble. You know our currency difficulties, so the accommodation should be modest rather than luxurious! It is nice of you to say you will invite anyone I like to name to your social gathering, but this is my first visit to the United States and I have neither personal friends nor official contacts in Washington.

As far as the agenda is concerned, I have no comments except that I presume you will add the point about future liaison arrangements which was mentioned in my earlier letter to you.

On the question of whether the official document is in my hands before I leave England or after I get to Washington, I would beg you not, on my account at least, to worry too much about the formalities. I would like you to feel free, as I should myself, to raise any matter that is of joint concern to us, and although it is obviously convenient to have the main subjects for discussion settled in advance, it would not seem to me necessary to exclude any others upon which we need to reach agreement.

Yours sincerely,

R. H. Smith